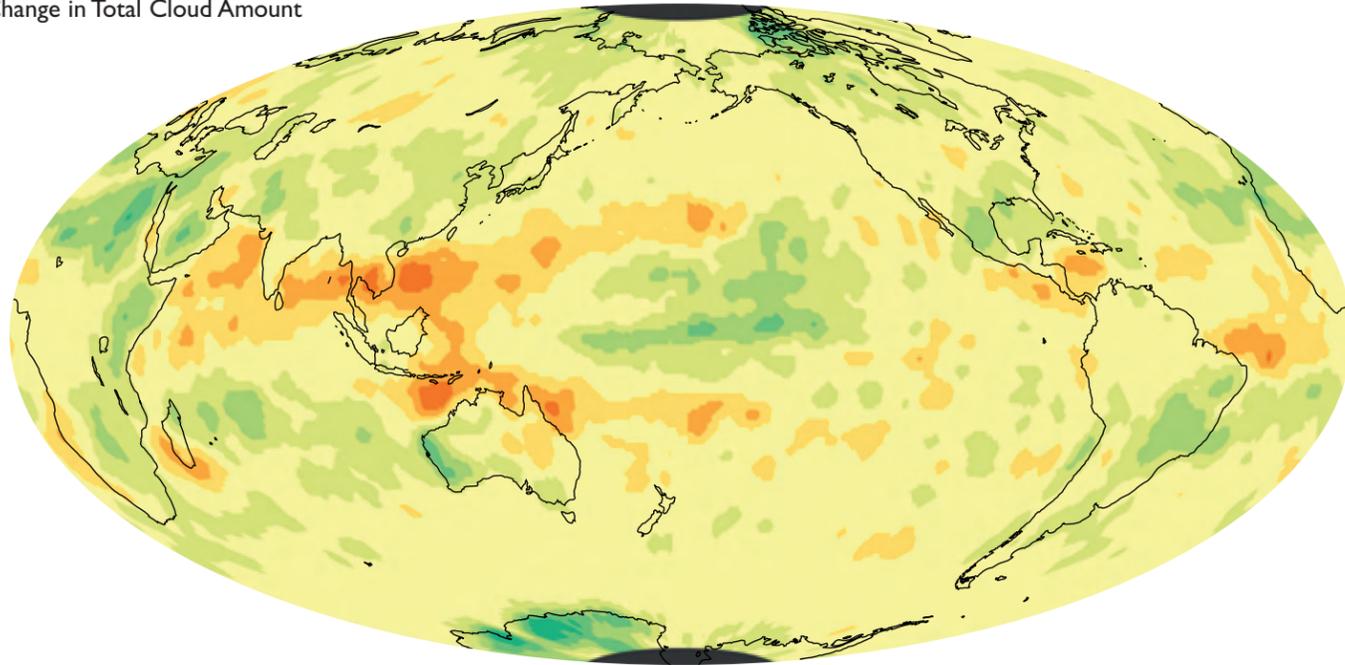
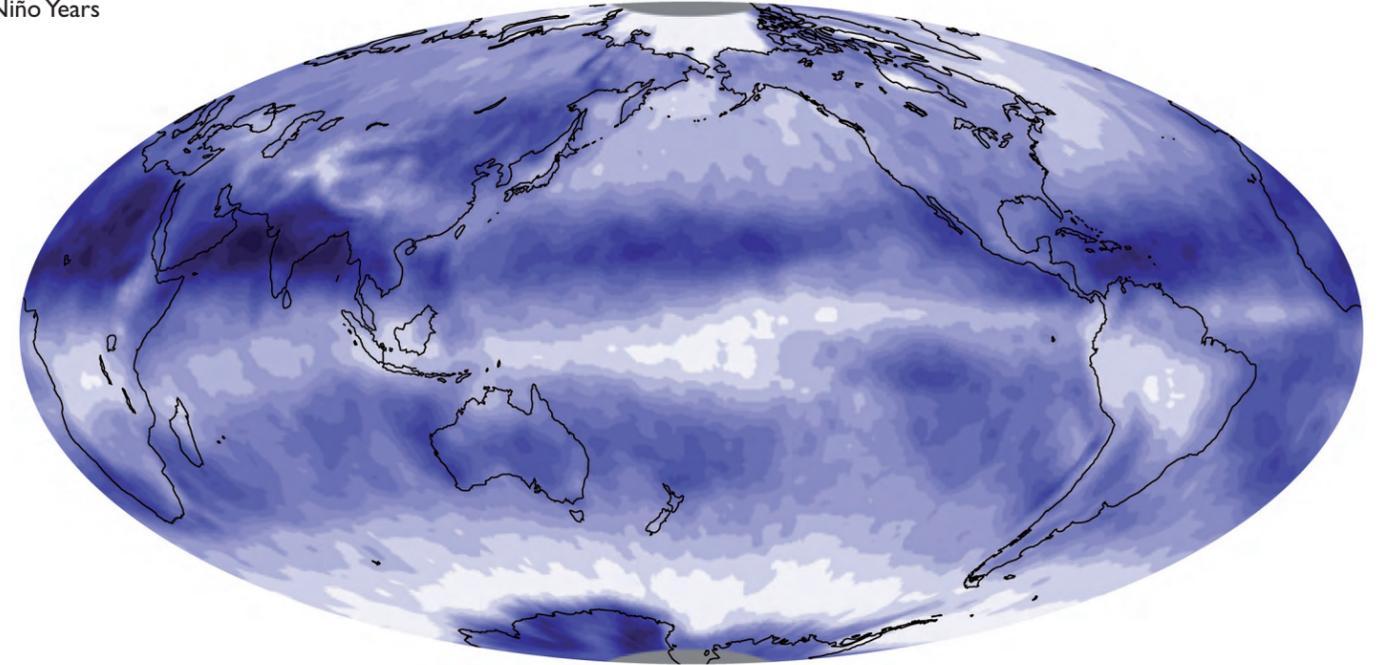


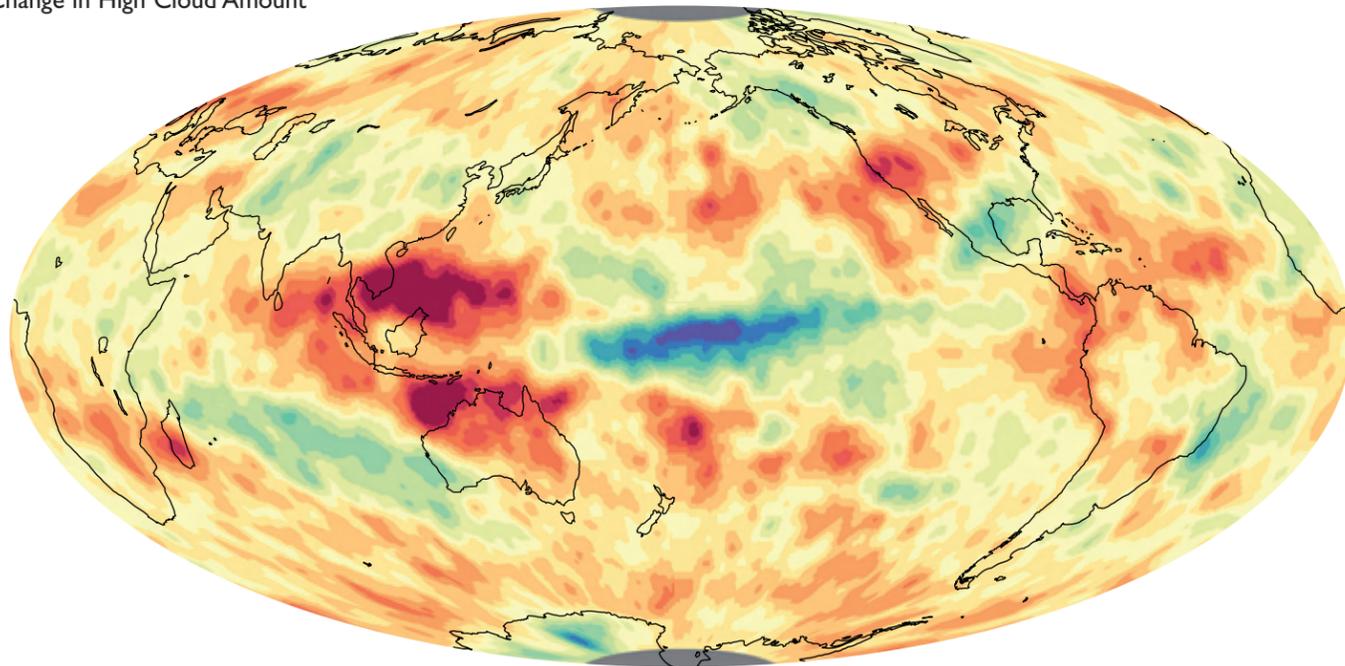
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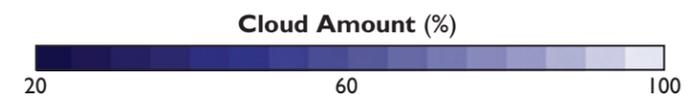
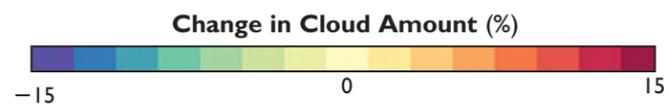
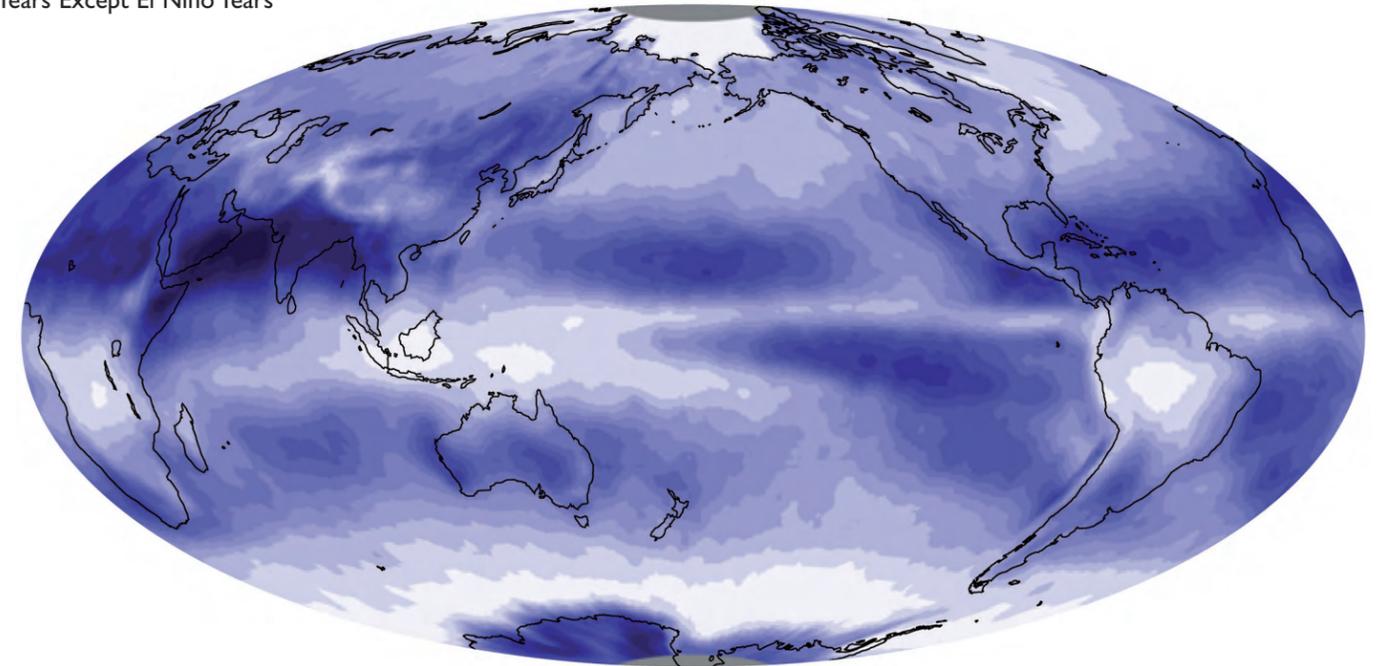
El Niño Years



Change in High Cloud Amount



All Years Except El Niño Years



Change in total cloud amount (top) and change in high cloud amount (bottom) during Northern Hemisphere winters (December, January, and February) from the 1980s to the 1990s. (Data from the HIRS instruments on the NOAA 5 to NOAA 14 satellites.)

Cloud amount during El Niño years (top) compared with all other years (bottom) during Northern Hemisphere winters (December, January, and February) from the 1980s to the 1990s. (Data from the HIRS instruments on the NOAA 5 to NOAA 14 satellites.)